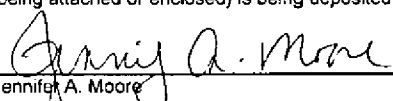


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Inter. Filing Date: August 18, 2004  
U.S. Serial No: 10/568,550  
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Docket No. GRWBP0325WOUSA

COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office notice, copy attached, dated May 10, 2006.

- ☒ The declaration(s) of the inventor(s) is/are enclosed herewith. The above-identified application, on information and belief, is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration(s) which sets forth the name(s) of the inventor(s) and the title of the invention.
- ☐ An accurate translation of the application is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ An abstract of the technical disclosure is enclosed.
- ☒ The filing fee or balance thereof is hereby being paid. The amount paid reflects entry of any accompanying preliminary amendment.
- ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ Replacement drawings.

Other:

- ☐ Power of attorney by assignee of entire interest is enclosed.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.

The following fees are hereby being paid:

Fee Calculation					Fee
Basic National Stage Fee					\$300.00
National Stage Search Fee					\$500.00
National Stage Search Fee - Search Report Provided					\$400.00
National Stage Examination Fee					\$200.00
Basic fee →					\$600.00
Claims*	# pending	# already paid	# extra	Rate	
Total claims	18	20	0	\$50.00	\$0.00
Independent claims	3	3	0	\$200.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims (if applicable)				\$360.00	
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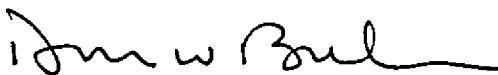
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☒ Credit card payment covering the aforesaid fees.

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 18-0988 under the above shown Docket Number.

In the event any fee or additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (under the above Docket Number). In the event an extension of time is needed to make the filing of this paper timely and no separate petition is attached, please consider this a petition for the requisite extension and charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988 (under the above Docket Number).

Respectfully submitted,



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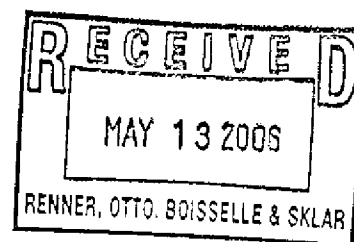
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/17/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/17/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 02/17/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 02/17/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/17/2006
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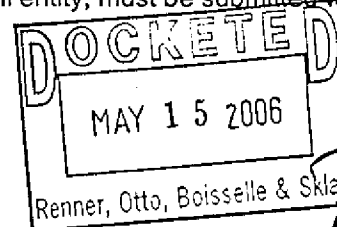


The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:



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Total additional fees required for this application is **\$730** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130 Surcharge.**
  - The application search fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$400** to complete the search fee. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.
  - The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit **\$200** to complete the examination fee for a non-small entity. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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